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6. "Adult Theater" - A theater concert hall, auditorium or similar establishment which, for any form of consideration, regularly features live performances which are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities."

7. "Establishment" (Amended by Ord. No. 157,538, Eff. 5/13/83.) - As used in Subsection C hereof, the "establishment" of an adult entertainment business shall mean and include any of the following:

(a) The opening or commencement of any such business as a new business;

(b) The conversion of an existing business, whether or not an adult entertainment business, to any of the adult entertainment businesses defined herein; or

(c) The relocation of any such business.

8. "Massage Parlor" - An establishment where, for any form of consideration, massage, alcohol rub, fomentation, electric or magnetic treatment, or similar treatment or manipulation of the human body is administered, unless such treatment or manipulation is administered by a medical practitioner, chiropractor, acupuncturist, physical therapist or similar professional person licensed by the State of California. This definition does not include an athletic club, health club, school, gymnasium, state licensed cosmetology or barber establishment, reducing salon, spa or similar establishment where massage or similar manipulation of the human body is offered as an incidental or accessory service. (Amended by Ord. No. 155,718, Eff. 8/6/81.)

9. "Public Park" - A park, playground, swimming pool, beach, pier, reservoir, golf course or similar athletic field within the City of Los Angeles which is under the control, operation or management of the City Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners or the County Department of Beaches.

10. "Religious Institution" - A building which is used primarily for religious worship and related religious activities.

11. "School" - An institution of learning for minors, whether public or private which offers

instruction in those courses of study required by the California Education Code or which is maintained pursuant to standards set by the State Board of Education. This definition includes a nursery school, kindergarten, elementary school, junior high school, senior high school or any special institution of learning under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education, but it does not include a vocational or professional institution or an institution of higher education, including a community or junior college, college or university.

12. "Sexual Encounter Establishment" - An establishment, other than a hotel, motel or similar establishment offering public accommodations, which, for any form of consideration, provides a place where two or more persons may congregate, associate or consort in connection with "specified sexual activities" or the exposure of "specified anatomical areas." This definition does not include an establishment where a medical practitioner, psychologist, psychiatrist or similar professional person licensed by the State of California engages in sexual therapy.

13. "Specified Anatomical Areas" - As used herein, "specified anatomical areas" shall mean and include any of the following:

(a) Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus or female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areolas; or

(b) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

14. "Specified Sexual Activities" - As used herein, "specified sexual activities" shall mean and include any of the following:

(a) The fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus or female breasts;

(b) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation or sodomy;

(c) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or

SEC. 12.70. ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ZONING. (Added by Ord. No. 151,294, Eff. 9/1/78.)

A. Purpose. It is the purpose and object of this section to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the continued concentration of adult entertainment businesses, as defined herein, within the City of Los Angeles.

B. Definitions. For the purpose of this section, certain terms and words are defined as follows:

1. "Adult Arcade" - An establishment where, for any form of consideration, one or more motion picture projectors, slide projectors or similar machines, for viewing by five or fewer persons each, are used to show films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

2. "Adult Bookstores" - An establishment which has as a substantial portion of its stock-in-trade and offers for sale for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:

(a) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other visual representations which are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas;" or

(b) Instruments, devices or paraphernalia which are designed for use in connection with "specified sexual activities."

3. "Adult Cabaret" - A nightclub, bar, restaurant or similar establishment which regularly features live performances which are characterized by the exposure of "specified anatomical areas" or by "specified sexual activities," or films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

4. "Adult Motel" - A motel or similar establishment offering public accommodations for any form of consideration which provides patrons with closed circuit television transmissions, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other photographic reproductions which are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas."

5. "Adult Motion Picture Theater" - An establishment where, for any form of consideration, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or similar reproductions are shown, and in which a substantial portion of the total presentation time is devoted to the showing of material which is characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or

(d) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in (a) through (c) above.

15. **"Substantial Enlargement"** – As used in Subsection C hereof, the **"substantial enlargement"** of an adult entertainment business shall mean the increase in floor area occupied by the business by more than fifty percent (50%), as such floor area exists on the effective date of this section.

16. **"Transfer of Ownership or Control"** – As used in Subsections C and E hereof, the **"transfer of ownership or control"** of an adult entertainment business shall mean and include any of the following:

(a) The sale, lease or sublease of such business;

(b) The transfer of securities which constitute a controlling interest in such business, whether by sale, exchange or similar means; or

(c) The establishment of a trust, gift or other similar legal device which transfers the ownership or control of such business, except for transfer by bequest or other operation of law upon the death of the person possessing such ownership or control.

17. **"Adult Entertainment Business"** – Adult Arcade, Adult Bookstore, Adult Cabaret, Adult Motel, Adult Motion Picture Theatre, Adult Theatre, Massage Parlor, or Sexual Encounter Establishment, as defined herein, and each shall constitute a separate adult entertainment business even if operated in conjunction with another adult entertainment business at the same establishment. (Added by Ord. No. 157,538, Eff. 5/13/83.)

C. Prohibition. (Amended by Ord. No. 158,579, Eff. 1/23/84.) No person shall cause or permit the establishment, substantial enlargement or transfer of ownership or control of an adult entertainment business within 1,000 feet of another adult entertainment business, or within 500 feet of a religious institution, school, or public park within the City of Los Angeles. No person shall cause or permit the establishment or maintenance of more than one adult entertainment business in the same building, structure or portion thereof, or the increase of floor area of any adult entertainment business in any building, structure or portion thereof containing another adult entertainment business.

No person shall cause or permit the establishment, or substantial enlargement of an adult entertainment business within 500 feet of any lot in an "A" or "R" zone, or within the "CR", "C1", or "C1.5" zones in the City of Los Angeles.

After March 6, 1988, no person shall cause or permit the continued operation, maintenance, or use of a lot, building or structure, or any portion thereof as an Adult Arcade, Adult Bookstore, Adult Cabaret, Adult Motel, Adult Motion Picture Theater, Adult Theater, Massage Parlor or Sexual Encounter Establishment, within 500 feet of any lot in an "A" zone or "R" zone, or within the "CR", "C1" or "C1.5" zones in the City of Los Angeles. (Added by Ord. No. 161,111, Eff. 5/18/86.)

D. Measurement Of Distance. The distance between any two adult entertainment businesses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the closest exterior structural wall of each business. The distance between any adult entertainment business and any religious institution, school or public park shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the closest exterior structural wall of the adult entertainment business to the closest property line of the religious institution, school or public park.

E. Exceptions.

1. A person possessing ownership or control of an adult entertainment business which is within 1,000 feet of another such business or within 500 feet of any religious institution, school or public park on the effective date of this ordinance shall be permitted to transfer such ownership or control within two (2) years of said effective date. The person acquiring such ownership or control, however, shall be required to discontinue said adult entertainment business within five (5) years from the date of said transfer of ownership or control, if such business continues to be within 1,000 feet of another such business or within 500 feet of any religious institution, school or public park.

2. A person possessing ownership or control of an adult entertainment business shall be permitted to transfer such ownership or control if such business is not within 500 feet of any religious institution, school or public park and the only other adult entertainment business or businesses within 1,000 feet of such business have been established under a variance from the requirements of this section, pursuant to the

variance provisions set forth in Section 12.27 of this Code. This exception shall not, however, apply to an adult entertainment business which has been established under such a variance.

3. Except for an adult entertainment business required to be discontinued pursuant to Subdivision 1 of this subsection, if more than one adult entertainment businesses exists in the same building, structure or portion thereof, then all may be continued until March 10, 1985. At that time all shall be discontinued except those established prior to September 1, 1978; but if none of the adult entertainment businesses were established prior to September 1, 1978, then all shall be discontinued except for one, and in case of a dispute the adult entertainment business established first shall have the priority right to continue.

4. An adult entertainment business may be continued, or established and maintained, pursuant to Section 12.22A20. (Amended by Ord. No. 161,111, Eff. 5/18/86.)

F. Severability. If any provision or clause of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other section provisions, clauses or applications thereof which can be implemented without the invalid provision, clause or application thereof, and to this end the provisions and clauses of this section are declared to be severable.

**SEC. 12.80. HOMELESS SHELTERS –
EMERGENCIES – CITY OWNED AND
LEASED PROPERTY.
(Amended by Ord. No. 186,339, Eff. 10/23/19.)**

Notwithstanding any provisions of this article to the contrary, during any period for which the Mayor and/or the City Council have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of Government Code Sections 8698, et seq., a shelter for the homeless (as defined in Section 12.03 of this Code) may be established and operated on property owned or leased by the City of Los Angeles in any zone as a matter of right without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served. Facilities used as a shelter for the homeless under this section must comply with the minimum building regulations set forth in Section 91.8605 of this Code, as it is currently written or as it may be amended in the future. If the lot on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of parking spaces required by Section 12.21 A.4.(w) of this Code, then the

number of spaces required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any parking spaces exists on the lot, no spaces shall be required.

**SEC. 12.81. HOMELESS SHELTERS –
EMERGENCIES – CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS.
(Amended by Ord. No. 186,339, Eff. 10/23/19.)**

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this article to the contrary, during any period for which the Mayor and/or the City Council have declared a shelter crisis within the meaning of Government Code Sections 8698, et seq., a shelter for the homeless (as defined in Section 12.03 of this Code) may be established and operated in the R3, RAS3, R4, RAS4, R5, C2, C4, C5, CM, M1, M2, and M3 zones without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served, if the shelter is operated by a religious institution or a non-profit, charitable organization and the shelter is located on property owned or leased by that institution or organization. If the lot on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of parking spaces required by Section 12.21 A.4.(w) of this Code, then the number of spaces required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any parking spaces exists on the lot, no spaces shall be required. Unreinforced masonry and/or non-ductile concrete buildings shall not be used as shelters for the homeless.

B. Requirements.

1. Providers shall register with the City of Los Angeles by submitting “Cold/Wet Weather Temporary Shelter Application” online via the City’s website (www.lacity.org); and

2. Providers shall comply with the “Cold/Wet Weather Temporary Shelter” requirements promulgated by the Los Angeles Fire Department’s Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau; and

3. Providers shall provide written notification to the owners of properties abutting the subject property, as well as to any school located within 500 feet of the subject property, prior to operating a shelter for the homeless on the subject property.

4. Providers shall comply with all local, state, and federal requirements that apply to the permitted use of their property while operating a shelter for the homeless pursuant to this section.

**SEC. 12.82. HOMELESS SHELTERS -
EMERGENCIES - EL NIÑO 2016.
(Added by Ord. No. 184,168, Eff. 4/5/16.)**

A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this article to the contrary, during the period not totaling more than 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance, a shelter for the homeless may be established and operated in any zone of the City without regard to the number of beds or number of persons served, if the shelter is located on property owned or leased by the provider and complies with the "Cold/Wet Weather Temporary Shelter" requirements promulgated by the Los Angeles Fire Department's Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau. If the lot on which any such shelter is located does not have sufficient area to provide the number of parking spaces required by Section 12.21 A.4.(w) of this Code, then the number of spaces required shall be the number for which adequate area exists. If insufficient area for any parking spaces exists on the lot, no spaces shall be required.

B. For the purposes of this section only, a shelter for the homeless means a facility operated by a "**provider**", other than a "**community care facility**" as defined in the California Health and Safety Code Section 1502, which provides temporary accommodations to homeless persons and/or families and which meets the state's standards for shelters. The term "**temporary accommodations**" means that a homeless person or family will be allowed to reside at the shelter for a time period not to exceed 90 days from the effective date of this ordinance. For the purpose of this section, a "**provider**" shall mean a government agency, religious institution, non-profit charitable organization or private non-profit organization which provides, or contracts with recognized community organizations to provide, emergency or temporary shelter for the homeless, and which meets all applicable state health and safety requirements. Unreinforced masonry and/or non-ductile concrete buildings shall not be used as shelters for the homeless.

SEC. 12.70. ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ZONING.

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2. **"Adult Bookstores"** - An establishment which has as a substantial portion of its stock-in-trade and offers for sale for any form of consideration any one or more of the following:

(a) Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other visual representations which are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of **"specified sexual activities"** or **"specified anatomical areas;"** or

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ARTICLE 9

NOTICES RELATED TO SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Section

59.00 Specified Businesses to Post Notice Related to Slavery and Human Trafficking.

of the establishment or in another conspicuous location in clear view of the public and employees where similar notices are customarily posted:

SEC. 59.00. SPECIFIED BUSINESSES TO POST NOTICE RELATED TO SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

(Article and Section Added by Ord. No. 186,507, Eff. 3/26/20.)

(a) Definitions.

(1) **“Adult or Sexually Oriented Businesses”** is defined to have the same meaning as how that term is defined in Subdivision (a) of Section 318.5 of the California Penal Code.

(2) **“Primary Airports”** is defined to have the same meaning as how that term is defined in Section 47102(16) of Title 49 of the United States Code.

(3) **“Truck Stops”** means a privately owned and operated facility that provides food, fuel, shower or other sanitary facilities, and lawful overnight truck parking.

(4) **“Farm Labor Contractors”** is defined to have the same meaning as how that term is defined in Subdivision (b) of Section 1682 of the California Labor Code.

(5) **“Hotels, Motels, and Bed and Breakfast Inns”** is defined to have the same meaning as how that term is defined in Subdivision (b) of Section 24045.12 of the California Business and Professions Code, not including personal residences.

(b) **Businesses Subject to Posting Requirement.** Each of the following businesses and other establishments shall post a notice that complies with the requirements of this section in a conspicuous place near the public entrance

(1) On-sale general public premises licensees under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act (Division 9 (commencing with Section 23000) of the California Business and Professions Code).

(2) Adult or sexually oriented businesses.

(3) Primary airports.

(4) Intercity passenger rail or light rail stations.

(5) Bus stations.

(6) Truck stops.

(7) Emergency rooms within general acute care hospitals.

(8) Urgent care centers.

(9) Farm labor contractors.

(10) Privately operated job recruitment centers.

(11) Roadside rest areas.

(12) Businesses or establishments that offer massage or bodywork services for compensation and are not described in Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (b) of Section 4612 of the California Business and Professions Code.

(13) Hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns.

(c) **Content of Notice.** The notice to be posted pursuant to Subsection (b) of this section shall be at least 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches in size, written in a 16-point font, and shall state the following:

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING FORCED TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITY AND CANNOT LEAVE – WHETHER IT IS COMMERCIAL SEX, HOUSEWORK, FARM WORK, CONSTRUCTION, FACTORY, RETAIL, OR RESTAURANT WORK, OR ANY OTHER ACTIVITY – TEXT 233-733 (BE FREE) OR CALL NATIONAL SLAVERY AND TRAFFICKING (CAST) AT 1-888-KEY-2-FRE(EDOM) or 1-888-539-2373 TO ACCESS HELP AND SERVICES

VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE PROTECTED UNDER UNITED STATES AND CALIFORNIA LAW.

THE HOTLINES ARE:

- AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK
- TOLL-FREE
- OPERATED BY NON-PROFIT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
- ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL
- ACCESSIBLE IN MORE THAN 160 LANGUAGES
- ABLE TO PROVIDE HELP, REFERRAL TO SERVICES, TRAINING, AND GENERAL INFORMATION

(d) **Language of Notices.** The notice to be posted pursuant to Subsection (b) of this section shall be printed in English, Spanish, Chinese, and the languages that are spoken by at least 20 percent of the employees and/or 20 percent of the patrons of the business or establishment subject to the posting requirement of this section.

(e) **Administrative Process Applicable to Citations.** Unless otherwise specified herein, all citations issued for violations of this section shall be subject to the provisions set forth in Article 1.2 of Chapter 1 of this Code, including, but not limited to, the administrative hearing and appeal process and the City's authority to use any civil remedy available to collect any unpaid administrative fine.

(f) **Criminal and Other Remedies Available.** Any violation of this section may be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. In cases where the City Attorney elects to criminally prosecute a violation, the defendant shall be subject to all applicable penalties authorized by Section 11.00(m) of this Code.

(g) **Severability.** If any provision of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions that can be implemented without the invalid provisions, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

ARTICLE 8

NUISANCES

Section

- 58.01 Nuisances – Summary Abatement.
- 58.02 Weeds, Rubbish, Etc. – Public Nuisance.
- 58.03 Nuisances – Summary Abatement of Mosquito Breeding Sources.

SEC. 58.01. NUISANCES – SUMMARY ABATEMENT.

(Amended by Ord. No. 175,596, Eff. 12/7/03.)

When the Health Officer, acting under any authority vested in him or her, orders the abatement of a nuisance or condition within the City of Los Angeles that endangers the public health, safety and welfare, and the person or persons responsible for the creation or maintenance of the nuisance fail to comply with the order, the Health Officer may request the Department of Public Works or any other department having the necessary workforce and equipment, to perform the work required to abate the nuisance.

All costs incurred pursuant to this section shall be a personal obligation against the person or persons responsible for the creation or maintenance of the nuisance and the owner of the property, recoverable by the City in an action before any court of competent jurisdiction. These costs shall include an amount equal to 40 percent of the cost to perform the actual work, but not less than the sum of \$100.00, to cover the City's costs for administering any contract and supervising the work required. In addition to this personal obligation and all other remedies provided by law, the City may collect any judgment, fee, cost, or charge, including any permit fees, fines, late charges, or interest, incurred in relation to the provisions of this section as provided in Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 7.35.1 through 7.35.8.

SEC. 58.02. WEEDS, RUBBISH, ETC. – PUBLIC NUISANCE.

(Added by Ord. No. 160,171, Eff. 8/22/85).

A. The City Council finds that weeds (as defined in Article 2, Chapter 13, Part 2, Division 3 or Title 4, commencing at Section 39560 of the Government Code of

the State of California), rubbish and other material dangerous or injurious to neighboring property or to the health or safety of residents of the vicinity constitute a public nuisance.

B. Every owner of any parcel of land or premises who, after receiving notice as provided by Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.325.1 B., fails to abate a public nuisance thereon consisting of weeds, rubbish, or other material dangerous or injurious to neighboring property or to the health or welfare of residents of the vicinity by the date specified in the notice or the date upon which the City is authorized to abate the nuisance pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 22.325.1, whichever date is later, is guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.00(m). **(Amended by Ord. No. 186,722, Eff. 9/20/20.)**

C. The Director of the Bureau of Street Services, the Assistant Director of the Bureau of Street Services, the Chief Street Services Investigator, Senior Street Services Investigators, and Street Services Investigators (BSS Investigators) shall have the authority to enforce this section. BSS Investigators shall also have the authority to make arrests without a warrant whenever they have a reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a misdemeanor in their presence in violation of this section. BSS Investigators are deemed to be acting within the scope of their employment with respect to all acts and matters set forth in this section. BSS Investigators also shall have the authority to issue Administrative Citations for violations of this section pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.00(m). **(Added by Ord. No. 186,722, Eff. 9/20/20.)**

D. For purposes of determining the applicable Administrative Fine pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 11.2.04(b) for a violation of this section, each separate parcel of land with a distinct Assessor Parcel Number shall be subject to a separate fine, even when a property owner owns multiple adjoining parcels. **(Added by Ord. No. 186,722, Eff. 9/20/20.)**

E. Fifty percent of each Administrative Fine collected for a violation of this section shall be deposited

into the Council District Real Property Trust Fund, specifically into the Council District fund where the property is located and the violation occurred, pursuant to Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 5.500. (Added by Ord. No. 186,722, Eff. 9/20/20.)

**SEC. 58.03. NUISANCES – SUMMARY
ABATEMENT OF MOSQUITO BREEDING
SOURCES.**

(Added by Ord. No. 176,240, Eff. 10/23/04.)

A. Any standing water on private property which has become a breeding source for mosquitos is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and an immediate threat to the public health safety and welfare of the citizens of Los Angeles.

B. When the Health Officer or an officer of any Los Angeles County Vector Control District acting under any authority vested in him or her finds any standing water on private property which has become a breeding source for mosquitoes, said officer may issue a written order to abate the standing water or other condition within the City of Los Angeles that endangers the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Los Angeles. The owner or other person or persons responsible for the private property where the breeding source was found shall have 72 hours to abate or eliminate the condition which created the breeding source for mosquitos. Upon the issuance of the notice to abate the nuisance created by the breeding source for mosquitos, the owner or other person or persons responsible for the private property may at no cost to the owner or responsible person request that the vector control district abate the standing water as a source of breeding mosquitos. The owner or responsible person may also choose to abate the nuisance within the 72 hours allowed. Any owner or responsible person who fails to comply with a 72 hour nuisance abatement order issued pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to L.A.M.C. Section 11.00(m).

C. If any officer as described in this code who is lawfully on private property finds a nuisance as described above and is unable to contact the owner or other person or persons responsible for the private property in question within twenty-four hours, said officer may summarily abate the nuisance at no cost to the owner or responsible person. If a nuisance has been abated without the knowledge or permission of the owner or other responsible person, then the abating officer shall post a notice on the property in a prominent place that explains exactly where and what steps were taken to abate the nuisance.

D. If an owner or responsible person who has been cited to abate a nuisance within 72 hours fails to do so, any officer described herein may then summarily abate the nuisance. All costs incurred to abate the nuisance pursuant to this section shall be a personal obligation against the owner or person or persons responsible for the creation or maintenance of the nuisance, recoverable by the abating organization in an action before any court of competent jurisdiction. These costs shall include an amount equal to 40 percent of the cost to perform the actual work, but not less than the sum of \$100.00, to cover the costs for doing the work, administering any contract to do the work and/or supervising the work required. In addition to this personal obligation and all other remedies provided by law, the abating organization may collect any judgment, fee, cost, or charge, including any permit fees, fines, late charges, or interest, incurred in relation to the provisions of this section as provided in Los Angeles Administrative Code Sections 7.35.1 through 7.35.8.